

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A fuel cell system, comprising:

Hydrogen fuel;

- 5 A CO removal system based upon non-Faradaic electrochemical modification of catalyst activity (electrochemical promotion); and
A fuel cell stack.

2. The fuel cell system of claim 1 wherein the CO removal system comprises:

A working electrode;

An electrolyte;

A counter electrode; and

A power source,

Wherein rapid dynamic response is achieved over a wide temperature range.

3. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the working electrode is a catalyst.

4. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the working electrode is a catalyst deposited on the working electrode.

5. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the power source is a voltage.

6. The fuel cell system of claim 5 wherein the voltage is AC.

7. The fuel cell system of claim 5 wherein the voltage is DC.
8. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the power source is a current.
- 5 9. The fuel cell system of claim 8 wherein the current is AC.
10. The fuel cell system of claim 8 wherein the current is DC.
11. The CO removal system of claims 3 or 4 wherein a current can be applied to pass through the catalyst.
- 10 12. The CO removal system of claims 3 or 4 wherein a current can be applied between the working electrode and counter electrode.
13. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the wide temperature range is between 0 and 800 degrees Celsius.
- 15 14. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the working electrode is a Pt catalyst.
15. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the working electrode is an Rh catalyst.
- 20 16. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the working electrode is an Au catalyst.
17. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the working electrode is a Cu/ZnO catalyst.
18. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the working electrode is a Cu/CuO catalyst.
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19. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the working electrode is an ABO₃ (perovskite) catalyst.

20. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the working electrode is a zeolite catalyst.

5 21. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the working electrode is a Pd catalyst.

22. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the power source is a battery.

23. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the power source is a potentiostat.

10 24. The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein the power source is a galvanostat.